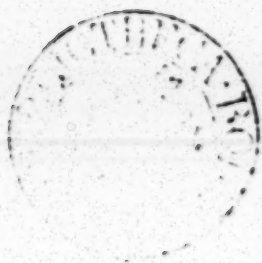


Rules and Orders
FOR THE
GOVERNMENT
OF THE
GENERAL INFIRMARY
AT
HEREFORD.



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R U L E S, &c.

1.  **HAT** the Government of this Society be placed in the Hands of certain Governors, by the Name of *The GOVERNORS of the GENERAL INFIRMARY at HEREFORD.*

2. **THAT** all Subscribers of *Two Guineas per Ann.* or Contributors of 20*l.* at One Time, or more, shall be Governors, and may attend and vote at all Meetings of the Governors.

3. **THAT** the Physicians and Surgeons attending the Infirmary be Governors, and have Votes at all Boards.

4 **THAT** at every Meeting of the Governors, in the Absence of President and Vice-President, as well as during the Vacancy of such Offices, a Chairman shall be chosen to preside.

5. **THAT** all Matters relating to this Society be determined by a Majority of Votes present, or by Ballot, if demanded; which, at a General Meeting, shall be by Three or more Governors; and that, on all Occasions, the Person presiding have a Casting Vote in Case of an Equality.

6. **THAT** a General Meeting of the Governors be held at Four stated Times in the Year,

viz. on the Third Business-Day of the *Lent* and *Summer Assizes*, and on the *Thursday* in the several Weeks of the Sessions after *Michaelmas* and *Christmas*, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning.

7. THAT no Person shall have a Vote at any General Meeting, unless he has been a Subscriber for Six Months complete, to be computed from the Day he paid his First Subscription.

N. B. This Rule is not to take Place till one Year after the Opening of the Infirmary.

8. THAT there be a Weekly Board of Governors, which shall consist of Five at least, to meet every *Thursday*, at the Infirmary, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning.

9. THAT, at every Weekly Board of Governors, the Proceedings of the former Board shall be first read over; and that no Order of any such Board shall continue in Force longer than until the next Board, unless then confirmed: And all Proceedings of General or Weekly Boards shall be entered in a Minute Book, and afterwards fairly registered in a proper Book for that Purpose.

10. THAT the Weekly Board of Governors have Power to visit, inspect, and regulate the Affairs of the House, and to elect Two Governors, who shall be desired to visit the House Daily for the ensuing Week; and that any Governor may Personally inspect the State of the Infirmary and the Patients at any seasonable Time; and, if any Matter shall occur to him
or

or them worthy of Notice, they are desired to report the same to the next Weekly or Quarterly Board.

11. THAT at the Weekly Boards preceding *Lady-day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas*, Six of the Subscribers of *One Guinea per Ann.* be chosen to assist in the Duty of House Visitors, who shall be Governors during the ensuing Quarter; and that, if more than six proper Persons should be proposed, they shall be chosen by Lot.

12. THAT such of the Visiting Clergy as are Subscribers of *One Guinea per Ann.* and the Visiting Apothecaries, be Governors during the Time of their being continued upon the Rotation Lists.

13. THAT a Visiting Apothecary (who shall be a Subscriber of *One Guinea per Ann.* at least) be appointed by the Weekly Board, to visit the Dispensary for the ensuing Week, and to see that the House-Apothecary does his Duty; and that he enter his Observations in a Book provided for that Purpose.

14. THAT the Accounts of the Infirmary be examined at every Weekly Board; and that all Bills be discharged by the Treasurer himself, or through the Hands of the Secretary, giving proper Security to the Treasurer; and that this be done Once a Month, or oftner, after such Bills have been allowed by the Weekly Board, and signed by the Chairman and Two of the Board at least.

15. THAT, in general, when Provisions or Goods are wanted, the General or Weekly Board shall order Notice to be given, for such Tradesmen as are willing to furnish the same to send their Proposals, sealed up, to the Secretary, by a Day fixed, in Order that the most reasonable Proposal may be accepted.

16. THAT for the Election of a Physician, Surgeon, Treasurer, Apothecary, Secretary, or Matron, or for any other urgent Cause, a Special General Meeting may be called by the Weekly Board (Seven Governors being present) giving at least Ten Days Notice of the Time, Place, and Occasion of such Meeting, in one or more of the most convenient Country Newspapers, and on the Door of the Infirmary, and of the Town-Hall in *Hereford*.

17. THAT the Weekly Board may appoint or remove Nurses and Servants, and (Ten Governors being present) may suspend the Matron, Apothecary, or Secretary, for Misbehaviour; and in Case of Suspension, Sickness, or Vacancy, may appoint others to act in their Places, until the next General Board.

18. THAT the Election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents, and the Power of making Alterations in the Established Rules of the Society, be reserved to the General Meeting of the Governors at the *Summer Assizes*, and the Adjournments of the same.

19. THAT at the General Meeting at the *Summer Assizes* two of the Governors be annually chosen

chosen, to inspect and audit the Accounts of the Infirmary, and to report the State of them, from Time to Time, to the General Board; and that they enter upon their Office on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*.

20. THAT a Report of the State of the Infirmary, and of the Number of Patients Received and Discharged, and of those constantly in the House on an Average, within the Year, with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the Governors, and of the Accounts of the Infirmary, be drawn up immediately after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* annually, and published before the Anniversary Meeting of all the Contributors, which shall be held on some Day in the Months of *June* or *July*, to be appointed by the Weekly Board; at which Time a Sermon shall be preached before the Society; the Preacher to be named by the Steward or Stewards, who shall be chosen at the General Meeting in the Week of the *Lent* Affizes.

21. THAT, for the Satisfaction of the Contributors, the several Articles of Expence be kept as distinct as conveniently may be in the Annual Report, in Order that a more easy Comparison, in Point of Economy, may be made with other Infirmaries.

22. THAT such Part of the Capital of this Society, as it may be thought proper to vest in the Publick Funds, shall stand in the Names of some Two of the Principal Subscribers, and, on the Death of either, shall be transferred, by the

Survivor, into the Names of Two other Principal Subscribers, at the Direction of a General Board, within three Months following.

23. THAT the Security to be given by the Treasurer shall be for *One Thousand Pounds*.

24. THAT Subscriptions may be taken in at any Time, but that all Subscribers pay their Yearly Subscription in Advance to the Treasurer for the Time being, or to his Deputy; and that all Yearly Subscriptions shall commence on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*.

25. THAT to all Persons, whose Subscription shall be Three Months in Arrear, a Monitory Letter shall be sent by the Secretary, to prevent farther Delay of Payment.

The FORM of the MONITORY LETTER:

General Infirmary at Hereford.

S I R,

In Compliance with the Rules of this Society, and agreeably to the Practice of other Infirmaryes, I am to acquaint You that it appears, by our Books, that Your Subscription of per Ann. payable the last, has not yet been received. It is therefore the Request of the Board that You will be pleased to pay it to or and excuse this Application from

26. THAT any Person related to the Infirmary, who shall presume to give to, or take of, any Tradesman, Patient, Servant, or Stranger,
or

or any other Person, any Fee, Reward, or Gratitude of any Kind, directly or indirectly, for any Service, done or to be done, in or on Account of the Infirmary, shall be immediately expelled.

27. THAT no Person, except employed in the necessary Business of the House, be allowed to go into the Wards before Eleven o'Clock in the Morning, nor at any Time without a Guide appointed by the Matron.

28. THAT Poor's Boxes be set up in the Infirmary, and in the Cathedral Church, and in all other Churches in the City; to each of which there shall be Two Locks, of which One Key shall be kept by the Treasurer, and the other as the Weekly Board shall appoint; and the Boxes to be set up in as many Churches, Meeting-Houses, and other Places, as the Weekly Board shall direct; and the Money therein collected shall be applied to the Use of the Infirmary.

29. THAT all Deeds and Evidences belonging to the Infirmary be preserved in a Chest secured by three Locks; the Keys to be kept as the General Board shall direct.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

30. THAT a Register be kept by the Apothecary, in which shall be entered the Names of the Patients who shall be taken into the House, and of the Out-patients, the Parishes they belong to, their Ages and Distempers, by

A 5

when

whom recommended, when admitted, when discharged, and in what State.

31. THAT every Subscriber, for each *Guinea per Ann.* subscribed by him, shall have a Right to recommend One In-patient and One Out-patient within every Year, provided that the In-patients recommended by such Subscriber do not exceed Five in One Year; that no Benefactor of less than 20*l.* at One Time shall recommend any Patient; that a Benefactor of 20*l.* given at One Time, shall have the Privilege of a Subscriber of *Two Guineas per Ann.* and a Benefactor of 50*l.* the Privilege of a Subscriber of *Five Guineas per Ann.* and that no Subscriber whatever shall have more than One In-patient at a Time.

32. THAT only such Persons as are recommended by a Subscriber whose Subscription is paid, and appear to the Weekly Board, and Receiving Physician or Surgeon, to be curable, and Real Objects of the Charity, be admitted at the Weekly Board on *Thursday*; and at no other Time, except on sudden Emergencies, and in such Cases as in the Opinion of the Receiving Physician or Surgeon will admit of no Delay; in which Cases the Apothecary and Matron are to receive Patients, properly recommended, into the House immediately.

33. THAT in Cases of Fractures or other sudden Accidents, the Attending Physician or Surgeon be empowered to admit Patients without any Recommendation; and that such Patients be continued, if approved by the next Weekly Board.

34. THAT

34. THAT none be admitted as In-patients, who, from the Nearness of their Habitations, or other Circumstances, may be as well or better relieved as Out-patients.

35. THAT the Form of Recommendation be in the Manner or to the Effect following, viz.

To the GOVERNORS of the GENERAL INFIRMARY at Hereford.

Day of 17

GENTLEMEN,

*I desire you will admit of
the Parish of whom I believe to be
poor and a real Object of Charity, to be an Pa-
tient of the Infirmary, and you will oblige
Your humble Servant,*

P. S. *I promise to remove upon Notice given.*

36. THAT, in Case any Person recommended for an In or Out Patient be thought improper to be received as such, the following Letter shall be sent to the Person recommending him, viz.

General Infirmary at Hereford.

S I R,

*According to the Rules of this Infirmary, I beg
Leave to acquaint you that re-
commended by you for an Patient, appears
improper to be admitted as such, because*

Secretary.

37 THAT, in Case the House shall be full at the Time of such Recommendation, then the subsequent Letter shall be sent to the Person recommending, viz.

General Infirmary at Hereford.

S I R,

According to the Rules of this Infirmary, I beg Leave to acquaint you that *re-*
commended by you for an In-patient, could not be received into the House this Day, for Want of Room, but is now entered regularly in our Books as an In-patient, and will be admitted into the House as soon as there is a proper Vacancy, of which you shall have Notice.

Secretary.

38. THAT, whenever there is Want of Room in the Infirmary for the Admission of such In-patients as are recommended and qualified according to the Rules of the Charity, in Cases of equal Exigence the Preference shall be given, in the first Place, to such Persons as are sent from the greatest Distance; in the second Place, to the Recommendation of such Subscribers as shall not have recommended any In-patients within the Year of their Subscriptions; and, in the third Place, to the Recommendation of such as are the greatest Subscribers to the Charity: And that they, who are proper Objects and shall be excluded at any Time for Want of Room, shall be forthwith entered in the Books as In-patients, and be afterwards received

ceived into the House by the Matron, without Order, on the first Vacancies which shall happen.

39. THAT the Board, in such as shall appear to be particularly Cases of Compassion, may make a Present, not exceeding *Five Shillings*, to a Person Discharged, Rejected, or Disappointed, towards the Expence of his Journey home.

40. THAT, after the Infirmary shall have been opened one Year, no New Subscriber shall recommend an In-patient till his First Subscription shall have been *two Months* paid.

41. THAT a List of the Persons recommended be delivered in at the Board by the Secretary ; and that no Person be received on the Admitting Day but between the Hours of *Eleven* and *One*. — But note, that the Patients are expected to attend punctually at *Ten o'Clock*, in Order to their being examined by the Receiving Physician and Surgeon.

42. THAT if there shall not be present a sufficient Number of Governors to constitute a Weekly Board by *Twelve o'Clock*, the Physician and Surgeon, and other Governors present (if any) shall proceed to the Admission and Discharge of Patients, and Appointment of Weekly Visitors of every Kind, but shall not enter upon the other Business of the Board, until a sufficient Number of Governors shall arrive.

43. THAT none shall be assisted with Advice or Medicines who shall ask Alms in or about the Infirmary, or who shall beg elsewhere within the Town.

44. THAT

44. THAT no Woman big with Child, no Child under Seven Years of Age (except in extraordinary Cases, such as Fractures, Stone, or where Couching, Trepanning, or Amputation, are necessary) no Persons suspected to have the Small-Pox, Itch, or other infectious Distemper; having Habitual Ulcers, Cancers not admitting of Operation, Epilepsy, Consumptions or Dropsies in their last Stages; in a Dying Condition, or judged Incurable; be admitted as In-patients, or, if inadvertently admitted, be suffered to continue; nor any Disordered in their Senses.

45. THAT no *Venereal Patients* be admitted, either into the House or on the Books, unless (as very pitiable Cases may happen) at the Particular Desire of the Physicians and Surgeons.

46. THAT no Patient be admitted, who is not Clean and Free from Vermin, and who does not bring, at the Time of Admission, Two Shirts or Shifts, with other necessary Change.

47. THAT when the Patients are cured, they be enjoined by the Chairman to return Thanks in their respective Places of Worship.

48. THAT whenever a Patient is discharged for Non-attendance or Irregularity (Children under fourteen Years of Age excepted) he never shall be admitted as a Patient again; and the Recommender of such Patient shall be acquainted therewith by a Letter in the following Form, viz.

SIR,

S I R,

The Weekly Board, on Examination, being fully assured of the irregular Behaviour, or wilful Non-attendance of A. B. recommended by you, have this Day discharged him, and beg Leave to acquaint you that it is contrary to our Rules ever to admit him to be a Patient again after such an Offence.

Secretary.

49. THAT it is particularly desired that all Persons who recommend Patients will subjoin, if known to them, the Age and Distemper of such Patients, and how long they have been ill; and that, where the Patient lives at a Distance, they will, if they conveniently can, previously send his Case, drawn up by some Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary, or other Capable Person.

50. THAT all such Letters, as shall be received from Contributors of *One Guinea* or more *per Ann.* Post or Carriage paid, in Relation to Distant Patients, shall be immediately answered by the Secretary.

51. THAT, over and above the stated Number of Beds in the Infirmary, Two Beds shall be always ready, to receive any Poor Person, who, with Broken Limbs, or by other dreadful Accidents, stands in need of immediate Relief; as likewise Two or more Beds, in Separate Rooms, for the Reception of such Patients as the Physicians shall judge proper to be placed there.

52. THAT all Persons admitted into the
House

House and in Two Months receiving no Benefit, be discharged, unless the Physicians or Surgeons certify to the Weekly Board that there is a Probability of their being cured, or receiving considerable Relief.

53. THAT no Soldier be admitted an In-patient, until his Officer has engaged to pay his Subsistence-money to the Treasurer, for such Time as he shall continue there, except Soldiers on Furlow, when there is no Officer at Hand to engage for doing it.

54. THAT no Apprentice or Domestick Servant, whose Master is able to pay for his Cure, no Person who has received Parish Relief within Three Months preceding, or is recommended in Right of any Parish or Township-Subscription, shall be admitted as an In-patient, unless the Person recommending shall undertake to pay *Two Shillings and Sixpence* a Week to the Treasurer, for such Time as he shall continue an In-patient.

HOUSE-APOTHECARY.

55. THAT the House-Apothecary fix Two Tickets on each Patient's Bed, one specifying the Name of the Patient, together with that of the Physician, Surgeon, or both occasionally, and the other the Diet, according to the Prescription of the Physicians or Surgeons, and give a List of the same to the Matron each Prescribing Day.

56. THAT he visit the Wards every Morning,

ing, and be ready to report the State of the Patients to the Physicians and Surgeons.

57. THAT he dispense no Medicines without the Direction of the Physicians or Surgeons, except in Cases of Necessity, when they cannot be consulted.

58. THAT he make a Report to the Weekly Board of all Patients received into the House in the foregoing Week, and deliver a List, at every Board, of such Patients as have been in the House Two Months.

59. THAT he doth not presume to practise as an Apothecary out of the House, or attend any other Business than that of the Infirmary.

60. THAT he do not suffer any Apothecary, or other Person, to inspect the Physicians' Books, or Pharmacopeia, without Leave of the Physicians.

61. THAT no Drugs nor Medicines be bought without an Order from the Board, or the Committee appointed by them, except in Cases of Necessity; and then, not without an Order signed by one of the Physicians.

62. THAT no Drugs nor Medicines be deposited among the Stores, till they have been first inspected by one of the Physicians, or a Committee for buying Drugs.

63. THAT the Apothecary and Matron be not out at the same Time.

64. THAT the Apothecary never be absent from the Infirmary at the Time when the Physicians and Surgeons are to attend, nor at any other

other Time above Two Hours together ; that he always give Notice to the Matron, and be within Call ; and that he be at Home at Ten o'Clock at farthest in the Evening, and do not lie out of the House without special Leave from the Board, or Visitors of the Week, and that, in such Case, he procure another Apothecary, who shall be approved by the Physicians, to officiate in his Place.

But, during the Continuance of the Temporary Infirmary, his lying in the House may be dispensed with altogether by the General Board.

S E C R E T A R Y.

65. THAT the Secretary attend at every Board, to minute down and register all Proceedings ; and that he be always ready to produce the Books and Accounts of the Society fairly written ; and that he keep a Minute-Book, for the Use of the Governors at any other Time inspecting the Infirmary ; and that he likewise discharge all Bills for the Treasurer (if so required by him) giving proper Security to the Treasurer, and keeping an exact Account of the same.

66. THAT he give Notice in Writing every *Saturday* to the Clergyman whose Turn it is to visit, and likewise to the House Visitors and the Visiting Apothecary.

M A T R O N.

67. THAT the Matron take Care of the Household-Goods and Furniture, according to the Inventory

Inventory given her; which shall be done *Annually*, and a Copy of it kept by the Secretary; and that she be ready to give an Account thereof when required, and careful to acquaint the House Visitors immediately, if any Article shall be missing.

68. THAT she weigh and measure all the Provisions and Necessaries that come into the House, and keep a Daily Account thereof, to be given in to the Weekly Board, and never suffer any of them to be carried out; that she oversee the Patients and Servants, take Care that the Wards, Chambers, Beds, Cloaths, Linen, and all other Things within the Infirmary, be kept Neat and Clean; and that, to these Ends, all the Patients and Servants shall be submissive and obedient to her.

69. THAT she keep a Diet-book, by which the Number of Patients on each Diet may be known.

70. THAT she go into each Ward every Morning and Evening, and cause the Names of all the Patients to be called over; and that she enter into a Book the Names of the Patients who are absent at such Times from their respective Wards without her Leave, or who have in any other Respect transgressed the Rules of the Infirmary.

71. THAT she take Care of the Keys of the Doors, and see that the Outer-gates be always locked at Nine in the Evening, and not opened before Seven in the Morning, from *Michaelmas*
to

to *Lady-day*; and locked at Nine in the Evening, and not opened before Six in the Morning, from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas*; unless ordered otherwise by the Weekly Board, or, in Cases of great Emergency, for the Service of the Patients.

72. THAT she see that all the Nurses, Servants, and Patients, do their Duty, and observe the Rules of the House; and that, in Case of Misbehaviour or Neglect, she acquaint the Weekly Board therewith.

S E R V A N T S.

73. THAT the Porter carefully attend the Gate, and suffer no In-patient to go out without Leave; and that he inform the Matron of every Stranger that comes into the Infirmary.

74. THAT he obey the Orders of the Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecary; and that, when he is to be absent upon any Business, he give the Matron Notice, that she may appoint another to attend the Gate.

75. THAT all Persons concerned as Servants be free from the Burden of Children and the Care of a Family.

76. THAT all the Nurses shall dine together at a stated Time with the other common Servants.

77. THAT a Table of Diet be hung up in every Ward, for the Information of the Patients; and that the Patients on Low Diet be served First at every Meal.

78. THAT no Liquors nor Provisions of any
Sort

Sort be brought into the House to the Patients, from their Friends, or any others whatsoever.

79. THAT the Nurses clean their respective Wards before Seven in the Morning, from the First of *March* to the First of *October*; and before Eight, from the First of *October* to the First of *March*; and that they serve up all the Breakfasts within an Hour after the Wards are cleaned.

80. THAT the Nurses and other Servants be very diligent in complying with the Orders of the Matron and their other Superiors; and that they behave themselves with Tenderness to the Patients, and with Civility and Respect to all.

81. THAT no Servant belonging to the Infirmary, having been Once removed for Misbehaviour by a Court of Governors, be capable of being taken again into the Service of the House.

IN-PATIENTS.

82. THAT no Patients go out of the Infirmary without the Leave of their Physicians or Surgeons, or of the Apothecary or Matron by their Permission; and that no Patient shall lie out of the Infirmary, on any Account whatsoever, on Pain of Expulsion.

83. THAT no Patients sit up after Nine o'Clock at farthest in the Winter, or after Ten o'Clock at farthest in the Summer; and that every Patient, who is judged able by his Physician or Surgeon, shall rise by Seven in the Summer, and Eight in the Winter.

84. THAT

84. THAT the Patients who are able constantly attend Prayers ; that they do not swear or curse, or give abusive Language, or behave themselves indecently in any other Way, on Pain of Expulsion, if they do not amend after the First Admonition.

85. THAT no Men-patients go into the Women's Ward, nor the Women into the Men's, without Leave of the Matron.

86. THAT no Patients presume to play at Cards, Dice, or any other Game, or to smoke in the Ward, or elsewhere, within the Infirmary.

87. THAT such of the Patients as are able to work assist the Nurses and other Servants, in nursing the Patients, washing and ironing the Linen, washing and cleaning the Wards, and in doing such other Business as the Matron shall require.

88. THAT the Rules concerning the Conduct of the Nurses, Patients, and Servants, be read over Once a Week in every Ward, by one appointed by the Matron for that Purpose ; and that Copies of them be hung up in the Wards and other proper Places.

O U T - P A T I E N T S .

89. THAT they attend exactly at the Time appointed ; and that, if they absent themselves Twice together, without Leave from their Physician or Surgeon, they shall be discharged.

90. THAT no Medicines be given them till they

they deliver their Vials, Gallipots, and such Medicines as they have not taken.

91. THAT no Out-patient presume to loiter about the Infirmary Gate, or Streets adjacent, but that they come directly into the Place appointed to receive them; and that, as soon as their Business is dispatched, they return to their respective Houses, on Pain of being discharged for Irregular Behaviour.

92. THAT every Person, not a Patient, desiring the Use of the Cold-bath, shall, before he uses it, pay into the Hands of the Apothecary *One Shilling* for each Time; and, for the Hot-bath, or Sweating-chair, *Two Shillings and Sixpence* each Time; which Sums, and of whom received, shall be by him accounted for, and paid to the Treasurer, for the Use of the Infirmary; but that the Patients of the Infirmary be never prevented from Bathing or Sweating, at their appointed Hours, by any Person whatever.

PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS.

93. THAT each Physician be allowed to take Two Pupils and only Two at One Time, being Members of an University, and to receive a satisfactory Gratuity from them for their Instruction in attending the Infirmary; but that no such Pupil shall be permitted to prescribe in any Case.

94. THAT each Surgeon be likewise allowed to have Two Pupils, and no more, at one Time, to attend the Infirmary for Instruction; and
that

That he may receive a satisfactory Gratuity from them; that no Pupil or Apprentice shall perform any Operation, but shall have Liberty to dress a Patient under the Direction of his Master.

95. THAT each of the Physicians and Surgeons have a Right to recommend Out-patients without Limitation of Number, and, for the present, Two In-patients a Year; but, so soon as the Infirmary shall be provided with Sixty Beds for Patients, Five In-patients a Year.

96. THAT no Physician or Surgeon shall be chosen to attend this Infirmary, until he shall have practised at *Hereford* for Two Years, except in Case of a Vacancy by Death, Resignation or Removal.

VISITING CLERGY.

97. THAT the Clergy of *Hereford* be desired to visit the Sick, and to administer the Sacrament when required, and (so soon as a proper Place shall be provided) to read Prayers on *Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays*, and to administer the Sacrament regularly the *First Week in every other Month*; and that it be recommended to the Weekly Board, to take Care that Patients of all Persuasions may be attended in the Manner they desire, and have Leave to repair to their respective Places of Worship twice every Sunday, on Condition that they return immediately after Divine Service is over.

98. THAT

HOUSE VISITORS.

98. THAT the House Visitors inquire Daily whether the Officers, Servants, and Patients have observed the Rules of the House; whether the Patients have been duly attended, and taken proper Care of, in every Respect; whether the Provisions be good, and whether any have been carried out of the House, or any brought in clandestinely to the Patients; and whether they or the Servants have been guilty of Swearing, Cursing, or any Immorality or Indecency; and that the Visitors enter what they think observable in a Book provided for that Purpose.

99. THAT, when the Visitors enter the Wards, the Servants withdraw, and the Patients stand by their respective Beds; and that the Matron, Apothecary, and Servants, be ready to attend the Visitors in the Board-room.

100. THAT any House Visitor, being hindered by Sickness or necessary Avocation, may depute another Governor to visit for him.



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